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Database of the Smokies



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Summing Up: Recommended. Upper-level undergraduates through researchers/faculty; general readers.

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